HONOURS BSC IN BIOLOGY (RESEARCH FOCUS) - ECOLOGY, EVOLUTION, BEHAVIOUR OPTION

Recent discoveries and new technologies are revolutionizing the biological sciences, placing increasing emphasis on integrating knowledge across all levels of organization, from molecules to ecosystems. Our programs give students both the intellectual tools and the hands-on experience they need to pursue careers in fields as diverse as conservation and endangered species; land-use management; ecotoxicology; academic, industry or government research; or health care. Learning takes place through traditional classroom instruction, innovative laboratory projects with state-of-the-art technologies, field-based courses around the world, and a strong research program in which undergraduate students of all years are intensively mentored in a research lab.

The honours in biology allows for in-depth study in one or more biological disciplines. Students can concentrate on a particular area by choosing one of three options: Cellular and Molecular Biology, Physiology, or Ecology, Evolution and Behaviour. This route includes a compulsory independent research project to equip students with advanced research, analysis and communication skills applicable to diverse careers. Students thinking of a career in research should consider the Research Focus, an immersive research experience in the third and fourth years. Alternatively, they can pursue diverse interests by selecting a general course of study that includes a number of advanced courses, and they can gain work experience while studying through the Co-Operative Education Programs.

The major in biology introduces students to cell biology, genetics, evolution, ecology and physiology (both plant and animal). It is combined with either another major or a minor. The major allows students to pursue diverse interests while opening the door to graduate studies or a career in the life sciences.

The minor in biology is a flexible program that allows students to select a subset of biology courses.

This program is offered in English and in French.

Program Requirements
The extended French stream is available with this program.

Compulsory Courses at the 1000 level
BIO 1130 Introduction to Organismal Biology 3 Units
BIO 1140 Introduction to Cell Biology 3 Units
CHM 1311 Principles of Chemistry 3 Units
CHM 1321 Organic Chemistry I 3 Units
GEO 1111 Introduction to Earth Systems 3 Units
MAT 1330 Calculus for the Life Sciences I 3 Units
MAT 1332 Calculus for the Life Sciences II 3 Units
PHY 1321 Principles of Physics I 3 Units

Compulsory Courses at the 2000 level
BCH 2333 Introduction to Biochemistry 3 Units

Compulsory Courses at the 3000 level
BIO 3009 Research Practicum 6 Units

Compulsory Courses at the 4000 level
BIO 4009 Honours Research 9 Units
BIO 4158 Applied Biostatistics 3 Units
BIO 4920 Seminar I Evaluating Science 1.5 Units
BIO 4921 Seminar II Developing and Communicating Science 1.5 Units

Optional Courses
12 course units from: 12 Units
BIO 3102 Molecular Evolution
BIO 3103 Field Biology
BIO 3115 Conservation Biology
BIO 3117 Ecosystem Ecology
BIO 3119 Population Genetics
BIO 3122 Evolutionary Biology
BIO 3146 Ecophysiology of Plants
BIO 3154 Population and Community Ecology
BIO 3176 Animal Behaviour
BIO 3310 Plant Systematics and Diversity
BIO 3360 Computational Tools for Biological Sciences
BIO 3924 Biology of Algae and Fungi
BIO 4101 Pesticides and the Environment
BIO 4111 Plant-Animal Interactions
BIO 4122 Experiments in Animal Behaviour
BIO 4146 Ecotoxicology
BIO 4148 Phylogenetic Systematics
BIO 4150 Spatial Ecology
BIO 4156 Freshwater Ecology
BIO 4159 Evolutionary Ecology
BIO 4162 Tropical Ecology
BIO 4537 Génétique évolutive humaine
BIO 4551 Physiologie évolutive et écophysiologie
BIO 4910 Field Course in Ecology

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